

3. The physician is an ordinary practitioner.
4. Attendants are without proper training.
5. Patients are without occupation and "Idleness" is the worse thing for an insane person.

But the worst conditions of all are to be found in the Almshouses. "God help the inmates." They contain the submerged lower tench with no hope, in the words of Dante, "Abandon hope all ye who enter here."

In most of the counties they are a disgrace.

Sexes are mingled together.

One almshouse confined three males and five females, insane, in a room 12 by 14 feet.

In one, a blind insane colored woman was confined with a number of insane men.

In one county almshouse, an insane colored woman has actually given birth during her confinement in the institution to seven children.

At Bay View the Medical Staff is competent and the nursing is better than in the asylums and almshouses generally.

There are no colored insane at Springfield; Dr. Paton said :

Germany is fifty years ahead in the treatment of the insane. There are no commitments and patients are sent in the same manner as if sent to an ordinary hospital for the sick.

The insane hospitals are known as "Psyncopathia Hospitals."

Hon. Frank Brown also advocated State care.

The committee were deeply impressed with the admirable and successful administration of the open door system and absence of mechanical restraints of every kind at Springfield, and also with the desirability and necessity, both from a humanitarian and economic standpoint of providing for State Care of the Insane,